

Definitions

The Armed Forces defines Sexual Assault as: intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, threat, intimidation or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent (that is agree to the act).

- Consent should not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance.
- Consent is not given when a person uses force, threat of force, coercion or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated or unconscious.
- Sexual assault includes rape, non-consensual sodomy (oral or anal sex) indecent assault (e.g., unwanted and inappropriate sexual contact or fondling) or attempts to commit these acts.
- Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, spousal relationship or age of victim.

According to the United States Department of Justice: **Domestic Violence** can be defined as: a pattern of abusive behavior which is used by an intimate partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner. Domestic violence can be physical, sexual, emotional, economic, psychological actions or threats of actions which influence another person. This includes any behaviors which intimidate, manipulate, humiliate, isolate, frighten, terrorize, coerce, threaten, blame, hurt, injure or wound someone.

The Department of Defense is committed to ensuring victims of sexual assault and domestic violence are protected, treated with dignity and respect, provided support, advocacy and quality care.

Contact Information

ON POST (FORT CARSON) AREA CODE: 719

SHARP 24-hour & on-call Hotline: **338-9654**
Domestic Violence 24 hour Hotline: **243-7907**
ACS SHARP/SARC: **526-5785**
Evan's Hospital (Emergency Room): **526-7111**
Victim / Witness Liaison: **526-1383**
Military Police: **526-2333**
Legal Assistance: **526-5572** or **4788**
Special Victims Counsel (SVC) **526-6459**
Chaplain (After Hours EOC): **526-3400**
Military One Source: **1-800-342-9647**

OFF POST (COLO SPRINGS) AREA CODE: 719

Memorial Hospital Operator: **365-5000**
TESSA 24-hour Crisis Line: **633-3819**
Colorado Springs Police Department: **444-7000**
Fountain Police Department: **382-8555**
El Paso County Sheriff's Department: **390-5555**
El Paso County Courthouse: **448-7700**
Colorado Legal Services: **471-0380**
Army Sexual Harassment Hotline: **1-800-267-9964**

For more information, please contact: DOD Safe Helpline

1-877-995-5247 or TEXT to 55247
4ID and Fort Carson's SHARP Office
Building 2351, Room 207
Fort Carson, CO 80913
(719) 526-8625

Or:

Army Community Service (ACS)
6303 Wetzel Ave. Building 1526
Fort Carson, CO 80913
(719) 526-4590
Toll Free: **1-866-804-8763**



Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) Program

Family Advocacy Program (FAP)

FORT CARSON RESOURCE PAMPHLET for **Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence**

If you or someone you know needs help, call
the Fort Carson 24 / 7 / 365

Sexual Assault Hotline: (719) 338-9654
Domestic Violence Hotline: (719) 243-7907
for all ID Card Holder-victims of Sexual
Assault or Domestic Violence
(Adults 18 yrs or older)

**Speak Up.
Live our values.
Step up to END Sexual Assault.**

Where do I go for assistance?

Soldiers and Family members who have been sexually assaulted or who are victims of domestic violence can receive assistance from a victim advocate.

A **Victim Advocate** is an individual who is there to help support a victim in making decisions to promote safety. An advocate will walk with the victim (from start to finish) through various stages which may be involved in their case. The goal of advocacy is to support and empower victims to make their own decisions for sexual assault support services

There are over 570 credentialed SHARP representatives located throughout the Fort Carson Military community. Soldier-victims (any service member) can seek assistance through their unit SHARP Representative, Brigade Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) or SAVA.

Adult family members, to include dependent children 18 and older, can seek assistance through the Victim Advocates at the Family Advocacy Program Office at Army Community Service (ACS) for incidents of Sexual Assault or Domestic Violence.

Soldiers who are victims of domestic violence can seek assistance through the Victim Advocates at the Family Advocacy Program Office at Army Community Service (ACS).

Victims of Sexual Assault or Domestic Violence DO have choices... You are not alone!

Reporting Options

ALL adult victims of sexual assault have two options when deciding how to report an assault:

Unrestricted (UR) and Restricted (RR) Reporting

Unrestricted Reporting (UR) enables victims to receive medical treatment, a sexual assault forensic exam, advocacy services, counseling and legal services. Command and Law Enforcement agencies are notified of all unrestricted reports; and a criminal investigation will often be initiated. Protective orders, unit reassignment and relocation are further options available to service member victims who elect to file an unrestricted report.

Restricted Reporting (RR) allows victims to receive medical treatment, a sexual assault forensic medical exam, advocacy services and counseling without notifying Command or Law Enforcement agencies. This option affords the victims additional time to make decisions about how they wish to proceed.



To file a restricted report, victims must report to the following individuals ONLY.

SARC-SHARP / SAVA-SHARP
Health Care Provider (HCP) / Chaplain

Statistics you should know

In the United States, someone is sexually assaulted **every two minutes**. (RAINN)

1 out of every 6 American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime. (RAINN)

1 out of every 33 American men has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime. (RAINN)

97% of all sexual assault victims were acquainted with their attacker. (DA Report, 2012)

54% of all rapes and aggravated sexual assaults occur in the barracks and high-density housing areas: 63% are associated with alcohol use. (DA Report, 2012)

Almost 60% of sexual assaults occur between Friday and Saturday which is consistent with the incidence of alcohol-related sex crimes. (DA Report, 2012)

Website Resources

Army SHARP Program:

<http://www.PreventSexualAssault.army.mil>

DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response:

<http://www.sapr.mil>

Military OneSource:

<http://www.militaryonesource.mil>

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN):

<http://www.rainn.org>

National Sexual Violence Resource Center:

<http://www.nsvrc.org>



Scan to access the ACS website to download a digital copy of the SHARP Program brochure.